

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, and 14 are pending in this application. Claims 10-13 are canceled by the present response without prejudice. Claims 5 and 9-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. That rejection is traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Claim 5 was noted as reciting limitations directed to canceled claim 2 and as the phrase “which is selected from signal patterns defined by the configuration of claim 2” was unclear. In reply claim 5 is amended to delete the language noted as unclear. The amendments to claim 5 are believed to address the rejection thereto under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 9-14 were noted as improper as not limiting the optical disk of claim 4 and confusing. The Office Action recommended rewriting claims 9 and 14 in independent form.

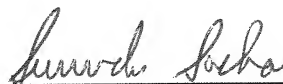
In reply, each of claims 9 and 14 is amended by the present response to be rewritten in independent form and to clarify the language therein. Further, claims 10-13 are canceled without prejudice.

The amendments to claims 9 and 14 are believed to address the rejections thereto under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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